

## CITY OF WILLIAMS CITY COUNCIL

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APRIL 10, 2014  
COUNCIL ACTION

### ***I. PROCEDURES:***

- A. Call to Order Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Pledge and Invocation Police Chief Nixon led the pledge of allegiance, and Judge Rob Krombeen offered the invocation.
- C. Roll Call Mayor John Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, and Councilmen Craig Fritsinger, Bernie Hiemenz, Frank McNelly, Lee Payne and James Wurgler were present and constituted a quorum.  
Present from City Staff were Brandon Buchanan, City Manager, Police Chief Herman Nixon, Finance Director Keith Buonocore, and City Clerk/HR Director Susan Kerley.
- D. Approval of Minutes March 27, 2014, and April 3, 2014 Councilman Fritsinger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Wurgler seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

### ***II. PRESENTATIONS***

- A. U. S. Forest Service Updates: Holly Krake, Fire Information Officer and others.  
Holly Krake, Fire Information Officer, provided a seasonal outlook. She said that we have 25% of the normal snow pack in higher elevations, and that temperatures are projected to be higher than normal May into June. Fire season is dependent on what happens with El Nino. The 2014 season may be an above average fire season. What does that mean for the Kaibab District? The weather is running about a month ahead of normal, posing a high fire danger. The last time all of Kaibab was closed was in 2002 when less moisture was received than in 2013-2014. She suggested staying informed through Internet social media sites, [www.wildfireaz.gov](http://www.wildfireaz.gov) or their 24-hr. phone line and performing a Home Risk Assessment to make certain a defensible space around property is maintained. Whether or not closures are upcoming will be determined over the next couple of weeks. The two factors that would push closures are early high temperatures (high 70's) and high winds.  
DeeDee Harrison, District Ranger, provided a 4FRI update. Good Earth has announced its opening in Williams. There will be limitations on work hours around Dog Town because they realize this is a very popular recreational area. In answer to the question of how long completion of this task will take, she said they will negotiate with the contractor after the Notice to Proceed is issued. Since they don't want to curb recreation, she thinks two-three years at most. She will come back or will advise Council after negotiations have been completed.

### ***III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None***

### ***IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS***

- B. Approval of Purchase Orders: K. Buonocore Councilman McNelly made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Councilman Fritsinger seconded the motion, and it carried 6-0.

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- C. Approval of Check Register for Month Ending March 31, 2014: K. Buonocore

**V. D. CONVENE TO PUBLIC HEARING**

*Pursuant to A.R.S. 41-563.01, the public may be heard on the question of an alternative expenditure limitation – home rule option that will appear on the ballot at the primary election to be held on August 26, 2014. (Second of two public hearings on this matter.)*

Mayor Moore asked the audience if they understood the Home Rule Option. No replies were made so he asked Keith Buonocore to offer brief comments. Keith Buonocore explained that this is a process the City must go through every four years. The State puts an expenditure cap on cities for the next four years. The City must estimate its expenditures for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, and voters must choose the Home Rule Option; otherwise, we will have to follow the limits determined by the State for the next four years.

Mayor Moore added that it lets the City control its own funds without the State doing it.

**END OF PUBLIC HEARING (7:26 p.m.)**

**CONVENE TO SPECIAL MEETING**

*Council will discuss and may vote to approve the proposed alternative expenditure limitation – home rule option of \$19,976,079 so that it may appear on the ballot at the primary election on August 26, 2014.*

Councilman Wurgler made a motion to approve the proposed alternative expenditure limitation – home rule option of \$19,976,079 so that it may appear on the ballot at the primary election on August 26, 2014. Councilman Fritsinger seconded this motion, and it carried 6-0.

**END SPECIAL MEETING (7:29 p.m.)**

**RE-CONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

**VI. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- E. Council will consider and may determine whether to open the swimming pool this summer: B. Buchanan/Rose Newbold
- Councilman McNelly asked how this differs from watering the ball fields, and Brandon Buchanan pointed out that the water restrictions contain a provision for the ball fields. Councilman McNelly said that children need to learn how to swim for public safety. Councilman Dent said this is the same case as the ball fields – it is good for children and the public. Councilman Wurgler added that the single most important thing in controlling the water usage would be to install shower turn-offs.
- Councilman McNelly made a motion to keep the pool open for the season. Councilman Hiemenz seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was taken:
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| Councilman McNelly | Yes |
| Councilman Hiemenz | Yes |
| Councilman Dent    | Yes |

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Councilman Fritsinger	Yes
Councilman Payne	Yes
Councilman Wurgler	Yes

The motion carried 6-0.

- F. Council may discuss and direct Staff on water supply/meter issues: B. Buchanan
- Brandon Buchanan said this will be a standing Agenda item. He has no new information. Next week Drill Tech will be here to measure the depth of Rodeo Well and remove the bands, make sure the well hasn't collapsed, and take preliminary water samples to test. We will be buying one or two pumps and motors. We are looking at doing two well studies on the other sites. The more data we can get, the better. We are looking at the end of the month for this. Councilman Dent reported that some Council members and Staff met with Drill Tech. Their belief is that the tubing column and design of Rodeo Well are faulty and that this is not a water quality problem. They believe the diameter of the existing tubing is too small for the volume of water pumped so they want to go back to 4 ½" tubing. They were impressed with the Drill Tech rep and found him to be very informative. Mayor Moore added that we should keep moving forward as fast as we can.

**VII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- G. Mayor and Council Mayor Moore has made our legislators aware of our water situation.
- H. Staff Reports Keith Buonocore reported that he has submitted a WIFA loan application for funding of the wells.

**VIII. ADJOURN:**

Councilman Payne made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded by Councilman Fritsinger. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Mayor John Moore

ATTEST:

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City Clerk